

Senate File 2288

H-8243

Amend Senate File 2288, as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

1. Page 5, after line 7 by inserting:

<Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 256F.14 Innovative charter schools.

1. The board of directors of a school district, the administrators of an accredited nonpublic school, the board of directors of a community college, the state board of regents, an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9, or a private nonprofit corporation organized under chapter 504 may submit an application to the state board to establish an innovative charter school. The state board shall adopt rules specifying the criteria for approval of innovative charter schools. The department shall develop an application process. The applicant shall specify in its application all of the following:

a. Mission and instructional focus of the school.

b. Organizational structure and management of the school.

c. Impact of labor agreements and contracts on the success of the school.

d. Roles and responsibilities of all involved constituencies.

e. Arrangements for special needs students.

f. Connection of the school to the school district.

g. Facility and operation costs.

h. Methods for measuring results, including but not limited to student achievement results.

2. For purposes of this section, "innovative charter school" means a school that is nonsectarian in its program, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The school is a public school and is part of the state's system of public education. The primary focus of an innovative charter school shall be to provide a comprehensive program of instruction for at least one grade or age group from five through eighteen years of age. Innovative charter schools may be designed to allow significant autonomy to the schools. However, innovative charter schools shall be accountable for significant results.

3. Except as provided in this subsection, innovative charter schools are exempt from all statutes and rules applicable to a school, a school board, or a school district, although an innovative charter school may elect to comply with one or more provisions of statute or rule. However, an innovative charter school shall meet all applicable state and local health and safety requirements; an innovative charter school shall be organized and operated as a nonprofit corporation

1 under chapter 504; the provisions of chapters 21  
2 and 22 shall apply to meetings and records of an  
3 innovative charter school board; and an innovative  
4 charter school is subject to and shall comply with  
5 chapters 216 and 216A relating to civil and human  
6 rights, and sections 275.55A, 279.9A, 280.17B, 280.21B,  
7 and 282.4, relating to suspension and expulsion of a  
8 student. The innovative charter school shall employ or  
9 contract with necessary teachers, as defined in section  
10 272.1, who hold a valid license with an endorsement  
11 for the type of service for which the teacher is  
12 employed. Innovative charter schools are subject  
13 to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and  
14 audit requirements as a school district. The audits  
15 shall be consistent with the requirements of sections  
16 11.6, 11.14, 11.19, 256.9, subsection 19, and section  
17 279.29, except to the extent deviations are necessary  
18 because of the program at the school. The department,  
19 auditor of state, or the legislative services agency  
20 may conduct financial, program, or compliance audits.  
21 The provisions of chapter 20 shall not apply to the  
22 board of directors of an innovative charter school or  
23 its employees.

24 4. A student enrolled in an innovative charter  
25 school shall be counted, for state school foundation  
26 aid purposes, in the student's district of residence.  
27 A student's residence, for purposes of this section,  
28 means a residence under section 282.1. The board of  
29 directors of the district of residence shall pay to the  
30 innovative charter school the state cost per pupil for  
31 the previous school year, plus any moneys received for  
32 the student as a result of the non-English speaking  
33 weighting under section 280.4, subsection 3, for the  
34 previous school year multiplied by the state cost per  
35 pupil for the previous year.>

36 2. Title page, line 2, after <education> by  
37 inserting <, innovative charter schools,>

38 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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